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Dear Mr. Benchoff:

Attention: Mr. Wagner
Deputy Examiner

We have your letter of August 28 in reference to opinion No. 51-120, dated April 26, 1951. The opinion dealt with the right of school districts to allow traveling expenses of school superintendents and principals while attending educational conventions.

After the opinion was rendered the Legislature enacted Chapter 138, Laws of 1952, amending Section 54-416 ACA 1939, relating to the powers and duties of boards of trustees of school districts. Said Chapter 138 reads in part as follows:

" * * * Boards of trustees of districts having an average daily attendance of three hundred or more may employ a certificated superintendent or principal; two or more districts having an average daily attendance of three hundred or more may jointly employ a principal or superintendent whose salary shall be prorated among the districts employing him in accordance with the number of children enrolled in each district, and reasonable travel expenses may be paid to such superintendent or principal when traveling on school business upon order of a majority of the board. * * *"

If the Board of Trustees of a district determines it would be beneficial to the district for a school superintendent or principal to attend educational conventions, and he is ordered to attend such convention by a majority of the board, such superintendent or principal would be traveling on school business,

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his expenses for such trip could be paid by the district under said Chapter 138.

To the extent herein indicated, opinion No. 51-120 is modified.

Very truly yours,

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